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OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 75-7 (as amended)

Introduced by Councilman Freeman at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 75-4 Date: February 4, 1975

AN EMERGENCY ACT to repeal in its entirety Section 227A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County, (1965 Edition, as amended), heading "Harford County Park System Regulations", and to enact in lieu thereof a new Chapter 15, heading "Parks and Recreation" to be added to the Harford County Code (1975 Edition); to provide for regulations governing the use of the Harford County Park System and providing penalties for violations thereof.

By the Council, February 4, 1975

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: March 11, 1975

at: 7:30 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and Title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on March 11, 1975 and concluded on March 11, 1975.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford*
2 *County, Maryland*, that Section 227A of the Code of Public Local
3 Laws of Harford County, (1965 Edition, as amended), heading
4 "Harford County Park System Regulations" be, and it is hereby
5 repealed, and that new Chapter 15, heading "Parks and Recreation"
6 be, and it is hereby added to the Harford County Code (1975
7 Edition) to stand in place of the Section repealed, all to
8 read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 15. PARKS AND RECREATION.

10 ARTICLE 1. IN GENERAL.

11 Section 15-1. Definitions.

12 (a) As used in this Chapter:

13 (1) Department shall mean The Harford County
14 Department of Parks and Recreation.

15 Section 15-2. Applicability of Chapter.

16 The provisions of this Chapter shall apply in and
17 upon all Department park lands and facilities within Harford
18 County, Maryland.

19 Section 15-3. Permits Required.

20 (a) Permits for exclusive use of any park facility may
21 be issued to any group or organization at the discretion of
22 the Department.

23 (b) Application for a permit shall be made upon a form
24 furnished by the Department and shall be accompanied by any fee
25 required by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

26 (c) No permit shall be issued to anyone under the age of
27 eighteen (18) years.

28 (d) The holder of a group permit issued by the Department
29 shall be financially responsible for the destruction of park
30 property by any person or persons covered by the permit.

31 (e) All permits shall be displayed upon request of
32 Department personnel or law enforcement agencies with enforcement

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1 duties within Harford County, Maryland.

2 Section 15-4. Destruction of Buildings, Markers, Monuments and
3 Other Properties Prohibited.

4 No person shall deface, alter, injure or disturb any
5 monuments, boundary lines, physical structures, lands,
6 installations, notices, signs, historical or prehistorical
7 ruins.

8 Section 15-5. Fires Prohibited; Exception; Control of Fire.

9 (a) No person shall:

10 (1) Build, or cause to be built, any fire except
11 within designated fire receptacles.

12 (2) Leave any fire unless attended by a responsible
13 person.

14 Section 15-6. Wildlife or Animal Regulations.

15 (a) No person shall:

16 (1) Pursue, catch, molest or kill any wildlife.

17 (2) Disturb any nest, den or burrow of any animal
18 or fowl.

19 (3) Cause or permit any dog, cat or other domesticated
20 animal to run at-large or to create a nuisance.

21 Section 15-7. Fishing in Park Waters ~~Expressly Prohibited~~.

22 No person shall fish in any park waters where fishing
23 is expressly prohibited.

24 Section 15-8. Boating; Operation of Watercraft.

25 (a) No person shall:

26 (1) Operate any watercraft upon any park waters,
27 except at such time or place as may be designated for such
28 purpose by the Department.

29 (2) Operate any powered watercraft on any park
30 waters without written permission of the Department.

31 (3) Operate any watercraft in any park waters in such
32 a negligent manner, as to endanger life, limb or property.

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1 Section 15-9. Swimming in Park Waters and Pools.

2 No person shall swim in any park waters or pools,
3 except at such times and places as may be designated for such
4 purpose.

5 Section 15-10. Camping on Park Grounds; Permit Required.

6 No person shall camp on park grounds, except by
7 permit and in such areas as may be designated for such purpose
8 by the Department.

9 Section 15-11. Operation and Parking of Motor Driven Vehicles
10 and any Other Vehicles; Regulations; Exceptions.

11 (a) No person shall:

12 (1) Operate, stop, stand or park a vehicle in such
13 a manner as to block or partially block any fire trail, campsite,
14 road, maintenance road, boat ramp or horse trail.

15 (2) Operate any type of minibike, trail bike, all-
16 terrain vehicle, snowmobile or other vehicle that cannot be
17 registered for operation on the public highways, except in areas
18 designated for such use by the Department and then only while
19 wearing protective safety glasses or shield and helmet.

20 (3) Operate any vehicle of a class eligible for
21 registration for operation on public highways, except upon road-
22 ways or within areas otherwise designated by the Department for
23 the use of said vehicles.

24 (4) When operating any vehicle, fail to yield the
25 right-of-way to any person riding a horse, unless said vehicle
26 is being operated on Federal, State, County or Municipal road.

27 Section 15-12. ~~Horses and Animals; Riding in Negligent Manner~~
28 ~~Prohibited.~~ RIDING OF HORSES AND ANIMALS.

29 No person shall ride a horse, pony, or other animal
30 upon park property in such a negligent manner as to endanger
31 life, limb, or property. NO PERSON SHALL RIDE A HORSE, PONY OR
32 OTHER ANIMAL ON PARK PROPERTY, EXCEPT IN AREAS DESIGNATED FOR SUCH
33 USE BY THE DEPARTMENT.

1 Section 15-13. Trespass Prohibited; Exceptions.

2 (a) No person shall remain upon park property at any time
3 between sunset of any day and sunrise of the following day except
4 at areas designated for camping, or upon the issuance of a permit
5 by the Department.

6 (b) No person shall remain upon park property after a
7 lawful command by any law enforcement officer or by the Director
8 of Parks and Recreation or his authorized representative.

9 Section 15-14. Peddling and Soliciting Prohibited; Exceptions.

10 No person shall peddle, solicit business of any
11 nature whatever, collect any funds for any service or charity,
12 distribute handbills or other advertising matter, or post any
13 signs, on any park lands, waters, or structures unless
14 authorized by the Department in writing.

15 Section 15-15. Hindering Employee or Agent of Department
16 Prohibited.

17 No person shall interfere with any employee or agent
18 of the Department in the performance of any official duty.

19 Section 15-16. Use of Loudspeaker; Public Address System or
20 Amplifier; Permit Required.

21 No person shall use a loudspeaker, public address
22 system, or amplifier, within or upon Department property
23 without a permit issued by the Department.

24 Section 15-17. Firearms; Possession Prohibited; Exception.

25 No person shall have in his possession any firearm
26 while upon park property. This Section shall not apply to
27 persons authorized by law to carry firearms in the discharge
28 of their official duties.

29 Section 15-18. Littering Regulations.

30 (a) No person shall:

31 (1) Discard, deposit, dump or allow to blow away,
32 refuse of any kind in or upon park property except by placing

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1 said refuse in container provided for such purpose.

2 (2) Dispose of any refuse on park property whether
3 disposed of in a receptacle or not, if such refuse is not a
4 result of use within the park property.

5 Section 15-19. Skating and Coasting Regulations.

6 (a) No person shall:

7 (1) Skate, sled, walk or go upon any ice, or ski,
8 except at such time and place as may be designated for said
9 purpose by the Department.

10 (2) Coast with handsleds, bobsleds, carts, or
11 other vehicles, on wheels or runners, except at such time and
12 place as may be designated for said purpose by the Department.

13 (3) Skate, sled, or coast in such negligent manner
14 as to endanger life, limb, or property.

15 Section 15-20. Public Exhibition; Permit Required.

16 No person shall exhibit any machine, show any animals,
17 or indulge in any exhibitions nor shall any person carry on
18 any performance which shall cause persons to congregate so as
19 to interfere with the proper use of the park by the general
20 public or to obstruct the passage of vehicles or persons, without
21 first having obtained a permit from the Department.

22 Section 15-21. Fees and Charges.

23 No person shall use any facility, land or area for
24 which a fee or charge has been established by the Department
25 without payment of such fee or charge.

26 Section 15-22. Penalty.

27 (a) Any person violating any provision of this Chapter
28 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction
29 thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than One Hundred
30 Dollars (\$100.00), nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),
31 or imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months, or both fine and
32 imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

1 (b) In addition to the penalties prescribed by this
2 Section, the Director of Parks and Recreation shall have the
3 authority to revoke or suspend any license or permit of any
4 person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter.

5 Section 2. Severability.

6 If any provision or provisions of this Act, or the
7 particular application thereof, shall be held to be invalid, the
8 remaining provisions and their application, shall not be affected
9 thereby. Should any provision hereof be inconsistent with any
10 rule, regulation or policy of any other agency having juris-
11 diction, such provision shall be invalid but the remaining
12 provisions and their application shall not be affected thereby.

13 Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that this Act is hereby
14 declared to be an Emergency Act, necessary for the protection
15 of Harford County property and shall take effect on the date
16 it becomes law.

17 EFFECTIVE: April 9, 1975
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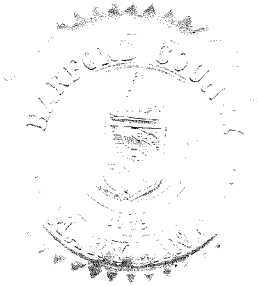
Passed April 8, 1975 (LSD 75-11) (with amendments)

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By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
 for his approval this 9th day of April, 1975
 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Charles B. [Signature]
 County Executive
 Date 4-9-75

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and
 returned to the Council, becomes law on April 9, 1975.

Angela Markowski
 Angela Markowski, Council Secretary